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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE QUERY RE NORTH KOREAN ATTITUDE

1. ARGENTINE PERM REP ORTIZ DE ROZAS APPROACHED AMB BENNETT JULY 27 TO INQUIRE ABOUT NORTH KOREAN ATTITUDE ON US PROPOSAL PRESENTED IN SECRETARY'S SEATTLE SPEECH JULY 22. ORTIZ DE ROZAS SAID HE HAD NOTICED PRESS REPORT IN NEW YORK TIMES OVER PAST WEEKEND OF NORTH KOREAN "REJECTION" OF US SUGGESTION OF TALKS. HE HAD SPOKEN WITH NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER TO ASK IF THIS WERE AN ACCURATE PRESS REPORT. NORTH KOREAN REPLIED THAT PYONG YANG HAD NOT YET TAKEN A POSITION ON US PROPOSAL, THAT PRESS REPORT WAS ERRONEOUS AND MERELY REPRESENTED THE CASE OF A LOW-RANKING MEMBER OF NORTH KOREAN OBSERVER MISSION "TALKING TOO MUCH TO THE PRESS." ORTIZ DE ROZAS COMMENTED THAT, IN CONTRAST TO USUAL VIGOROUS, EVEN BELLIGERENT, TONE OF NORTH KOREAN STATEMENTS, THIS REPLY HAD BEEN MADE IN A RATHER CAUTIOUS WAY.

2. ORTIZ DE ROZAS SAID HE WAS FOLLOWING THIS ISSUE VERY CLOSELY "FOR ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT" AND WOULD

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APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF THE NATURE OF ANY RESPONSE

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